

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 8, beginning at line 7, and ending at line 11, as follows:

A¹ For a detailed discussion of the elements of the technical architecture of the preferred netcentric computing system 12, as well as netcentric computing systems 12, refer to co-pending U.S. patent application Serial Number _____ entitled Number 09/676,227 entitled Architectures For Netcentric Computing Systems, which was filed on September 29, 2000 and is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 8, beginning at line 20, and ending at line 27, as follows:

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The netcentric execution architecture 40 includes common run-time services that are required when an application executes on the netcentric computing system 12. The preferred netcentric execution architecture includes presentation services 44, information services 46, communication services 48, communication fabric services 50, transaction services 52, environment services 54, base services 56, and business logic services 58. For a detailed discussion of each of the services set forth above, as well as the role they play in the preferred netcentric computing system 12, refer to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____ entitled No. 09/676,227 entitled ARCHITECTURES FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING SYSTEMS.

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 8, beginning at line 28, and ending on page 9, at line 8, as follows:

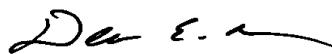
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The development architecture 42 is used to create the applications that perform business processes in the netcentric execution architecture 40 of the netcentric computing system 12. The purpose of the development architecture 34 is to support the tasks involved in the analysis, design, construction and maintenance of business systems and applications, as well as the associated management processes of the netcentric computing system 12. The preferred development architecture 42 includes common user interface tools 60, process management tools 62, personal productivity tools 64, quality management tools 66, system building tools 68, environment management tools 70, program and project management tools 72, team productivity tools 74, and information management tools 76. For a detailed discussion of the preferred development architecture 42, refer to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____, entitled No. 09/677,065 entitled DEVELOPMENT ARCHITECTURES FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING SYSTEMS, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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No fees are believed required for this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees be deemed required, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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